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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service {Lead}
Director, Geological Survey
Director, Minerals Management Service
Director, National Park Service

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Review of Proposed Rule to Northeast Multispecies FMP (FW 42), FW 3 to the Monkfish FMP; 2006 Georges Bank Fixed Gear Sector Cod Operations Plan; Magnuson-Stevens Act provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States
(**ER 06/831**) (Agency due date: **September 21, 2006**)

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) published the proposed rule of Framework Adjustment (FW) 42 and FW 3 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and Monkfish FMP, respectively, propose creation of the George Bank Cod Fixed Gear Sector, in the *Federal Register* dated **August 22, 2006**. You may access the notice on the Internet at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont06.html.

Would you please have your appropriate field-level office review the subject rule from its particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide its comments directly to the Regional Director, FWS, by **September 14, 2006**.

Regional Director, FWS, will prepare and sign any Departmental comments so as to arrive at NMFS in Gloucester, Massachusetts by **September 21, 2006**. If there are intra-Departmental conflicts, the Regional Director will request the Regional Environmental Officer in Boston, Massachusetts to assist in their resolution. It is also requested that this office be furnished a copy the comments.

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